

## State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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John Byars United Minerals L.L.C P.O. Box 656 Emery, Utah 84522

Subject: <u>Deficient Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, United Minerals</u> L.L.C, Dog Valley Mineral Mine, S/015/0101, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Byars:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has reviewed the referenced Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (NOI), and the following items will need to be addressed before the NOI can be determined complete:

- 1. In Section I item 2; the entity number in the NOI does not match the entity number list for United Minerals L.L.C, from the Department of Commerce.
- 2. In Section I item 3, please list the Utah Agent as identified with the Utah Department of Commerce.
- 3. In Section II item 3, please include a general location map at a scale of 1 inch = 2,000 feet. Enclosed is a copy of the Walker Flat Quadrangle that you could use to show the general location. In addition please include an operations map at a scale of about 1 inch = 200 feet that has reference to known points, such as Township, Range, and Section. This information is needed locate the mining properties.
- 4. Cultural resources survey. The Division is required under Utah Code Annotated 9-8-404 to consider the effects of the proposal on cultural resource, such as archaeological sites. To fulfill this responsibility, the Division needs baseline cultural resource information. This may be in the form of an on-the-ground survey, a literature search showing the results of a previous survey done in the proposed disturbed area, or a letter from a licensed archaeologist stating there is little likelihood of finding of significant cultural resources.

Please provide your response as replacement pages to your original NOI, using Form MR-REV-SMO/EXP, available on the Division's web site at www.ogm.utah.gov

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The bond amount for three acres is either \$16,200.00 for a two year escalation or \$16,300.00 for a four year escalation. These amounts are based on calculated average costs per acre for large mines as shown in the following table:

## **Small Mining Operation Notices**

Project Size (Acres)	Surety 2 & 4 year escalation 2011	Comments
1 or less acres	\$7,400 (2-year escalation) \$7,500 (4-year escalation)	Minimum amount required
Additional acres up to 5 acres	\$4,400/ acre (2-year escalation) \$4,400/acre (4-year escalation)	Partial acreages rounded up (e.g., 1.2 acres = 2 acres)
Cumulative Amount for 5-acres	(i.e. Maximum of 5 acres = \$7,400 +\$17,6200 = \$25,000) (2-year escalation) (i.e. Maximum of 5 acres = \$7,600 +\$17,600 = \$25,100) (4-year escalation)	\$100.00 difference between 3 and 5 year escalation amount for 5-acres of disturbance.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at 801-538-5261 or Wayne Western at 801-538-5263. In reply, please refer to file number S/015/0101. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker

Minerals Program Manager

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cc: John Blake, SITLA

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